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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the official action mailed February 5, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 5, 2003.

In the aforesaid action, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement between claims 1-5 drawn to an apparatus and claim 6 drawn to a method.

Applicant elects claims 1-5 drawn to the apparatus. The election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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